In a city where all the major radio stations are owned by a faceless conglomerate, getting fast weather and traffic is well-nigh impossible. When I'm heading into the city, I need to know INSTANTLY what roads are impassible, where major accidents are, and so forth. I have neither the time or inclination to wait till the DJs stop spewing mindless prattle or the endless stream of commercials stop to get this kind of information. I orginally purchased XM Radio just to escape just such a thing and now their addition of traffic and weather for my city has reaffirmed my commitment to them. They should not be penalized for trying to give their customers another invaluable service. XM has the rabid following it does because it caters to the will of its customers- something corporations like Clear Channel stopped doing long ago.

In summation, I pay XM every month to give me music and information I can not get anywhere else. It is money well (and happily) spent. All I ask is that no one interferes with their ability to provide that for me and 1.7 million other Americans. Is that too much to ask?